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PROMOTION IN DEFENCE SERVICES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Jawans have not been getting opportunities for promotion in Defence Services;

(b) if so, the clarification of the Government in this regard;

(c) the names of the highest post to which a Jawan can get promotion during his service tenure; and

(d) the reaction of the Government to the lack of opportunities before the defence personnel for promotions?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (d): Personnel Below Officers Rank (PBOR) in Armed Forces are provided opportunities for promotion provided they meet the laid down eligibility criteria. Subedar Major, Master Chief Petty Officer First Class (MCPO-I) and Master Warrant Officer in Army, Navy and Air Force respectively, is the highest post to which a PBOR can get promotion during his service tenure. In addition, PBORs of all the three Services can also get promoted as officers on meeting the requisite selection criteria. Further, provision exists for Assured Career Progression (ACP) of all PBORs in Defence Services. However, improvement in the service conditions and promotional opportunities of the PBORs is a continuous process.